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Explore More Nature with Seattle Parks and Recreation

Spring 2019 Programs

Seattle's environmental learning centers offer programs at parks throughout the city. These programs are hands-on experiences employing games, props, and activities to enhance the learning adventure. They are developed to give people a positive experience outdoors and a sense of community and connection with our green spaces. Every quarter, new programs are offered based upon the seasons and the interests of the public. Pre-registration is required for all programs so please peruse the following offerings to find something that interests you and register today.

Please remember all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please take note of the location of a program because there are many different options. The location is listed underneath the program title. If you need directions to a park, please contact one of the environmental learning centers for assistance.



Registration

- Go to www.seattle.gov/parks and click on sign up for activities. You need to create an account in order to register online. Once you created an account, use the course code number listed in the program description. The course code number is listed next to the program date.
- Another way to register is to contact Discovery Park or Camp Long Environmental Learning Centers and a staff person can register you for the program of your choice.

Spring 2019 Programs At a Glance

Date	Program	Location	Time	Age	Cost
March 23	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10am	8+	\$5
March 30	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10am	8+	\$5
April 6	Tot Trek-Colors of Spring	Camp Long	10:30-11:45am	2-3	\$10
April 13	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10am	8+	\$5
April 20	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10am	8+	\$5
April 27	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10am	8+	\$5
April 27	Writing in the Wild	Discovery Park	10am-1pm	12+	\$10
May 4	Are You Bloomin' Mad?	Discovery Park	1-3pm	5+	\$10
May 5	Birding for Beginners	Discovery Park	9am-Noon	7+	\$10
May 11	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	7-9am	8+	\$5
May 11	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10am	8+	\$5
May 11	Tot Trek-Peekin' in the	Discovery Park	10:30-11:45am	2-3	\$5
	Ponds				
May 12	Family Pond Exploration	Camp Long	1-3pm	All	\$10
May 17	Full Moon Hike	Discovery Park	8-10pm	18+	\$10
May 18	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10am	8+	\$5
May 18	Trekking Through	Discovery Park	10:30am-Noon	4+	\$10
	Tidepools				
May 19	Low Tide Beach Safari	Me-Kwa-Mooks	11am-12:30pm	6+	\$10
June 2	Exploring Tidepool Life	Carkeek Park	10-11:30am	3+	\$10
June 8	Habitat Hunt	Discovery Park	9-11am	8+	\$10
June 15	Tot Trek-Beach ABCs	Discovery Park	9:30-10:45am	2-3	\$10
June 16	Low Tide Beach Safari	Me-Kwa-Mooks	10-11:30am	6+	\$10
June 22	Tot Trek-Pond Pals	Camp Long	10:30-11:45am	2-3	\$10
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Tidepool Explorations

Trekking Through Tidepools

Discovery Park

Ages: 4 and older **Fees:** \$10.00 per person

Explore the intertidal zone tide with a Seattle Urban Nature guide on Discovery Park's sandy South Beach. Touch sea anemones, experience a clam squirt, search for sea stars and enjoy this unique Salish Sea event. **Be sure to wear shoes that can get wet.**

#19256 5/18/2019 Sat 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Low Tide Beach Safari at Me-Kwa-Mooks

Emma Schmitz Viewpoint/ Me-Kwa-Mooks

Ages: 6 and older **Fees:** \$10.00 per

person

Search for tidepool animals with a Seattle Urban Nature Guide during these springtime low tides. Learn a bit of beach ecology. Decide which animal is the most colorful – a sea star, a sea anemone, or a sea slug. **Dress for windy weather and wear shoes that can get wet and handle slippery surfaces.**

#19257 5/19/2019 Sun 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

#19260 6/16/2019 Sun 10 – 11:30 a.m.





Exploring Tidepool Life

Carkeek Park Beach

Ages: 3 and older **Fees:** \$10 per person

Explore Carkeek Beach with a Seattle Urban Nature guide during this special time – a low tide. Search for anemones, moon snails, nudibranchs and sea pens. If these words seem strange to you, you definitely need to check this out! Intertidal zones are a strange new world for you to explore. Don't miss this rare opportunity. Be sure to wear shoes that can get wet. Meet the nature guide at the kiosk next to the bridge over the railroad tracks in the beach parking lot.

#19264 6/02/2019 Sun 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Tot Treks and Nature Play

The following programs are an opportunity for the very young to explore outside in a safe environment and to share that experience with an adult that is important to them. Parents and others that spend time with a toddler can learn tips and tricks for sharing the outdoors with little ones. These programs are also a great chance to make new friends.

Ages: 2-3 with an adult **Fees**: \$10.00 for adult & child

Time: 10:30-11:45 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Colors of Spring

Camp Long

Take a hike through Camp Long searching high and low for all the colors of Spring.

#19251 4/06/2019 Sat



Peekin' in the Ponds

Discovery Park

Discover the watery world of dragonflies, frogs, and turtles at Discovery Park ponds.

#19253 5/11/2019 Sat



Beach ABC's

Discovery Park

Trek on the beach at low tide and explore rocks and sand and tide pools. Search for Anemones, Barnacles, and Clams, and learn your beach ABCs. Please note this program starts at 9:30 a.m. to coincide with low tide. Be sure to wear shoes that can get wet.

#19255 6/15/2019 Sat 9:30 - 10:45 a.m

Pond Pals

Camp Long

Take a dip (with a net) in Pollywog Pond and share what you find with your toddler. Spring is the perfect time to see what new life is happening in the ponds.

#19254 6/22/2019 Sat

Wildlife Walks & Talks



Bird Tours

Discovery Park

Ages: 8 and older **Fees**: \$5 per person

Discover the wonders of birding. Join experienced leaders as we explore for migrants and year-round residents within Discovery Park's varied habitats. **Please dress for the weather and bring binoculars if you have them.**

#17180	3/23/2019	Sat 8 – 10 a.m	#19297	4/27/2019	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#17181	3/30/2019	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.	#19300	5/11/2019	Sat $7 - 9$ a.m.
#19295	4/13/2019	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.	#19301	5/11/2019	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#19296	4/20/2019	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.	#19298	5/18/2019	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.

Birding for Beginners

Discovery Park

Ages: 7 and older **Fees:** \$10 per person

Birding is one of the fastest growing sports in the world. If you want to learn more about this unique pastime, this class is for you. We'll begin the morning in the field, observing bird behavior in several different habitats while we perfect our skill with using binoculars. Then we'll head back inside to talk about field guides, answer questions, and discuss birding resources and birdwatching techniques. The ability to focus with and see through

binoculars is a must for this class. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.

#20480 5/05/2019 Sun 9 a.m. - Noon

Family Pond Exploration

Camp Long **All ages**

Fees: \$10 per person

Celebrate Mother's Day by bringing the entire family for an outing to Pollywog Pond at Camp Long. We'll search for salamander eggs, dragonfly nymphs, duck families and all the other creatures that use this beautiful habitat. Nets are provided for dipping in the ponds to catch organisms that live

underwater. We'll share the excitement and stories of the animals we catch!

#19293 5/12/2019 Sun 1 – 3 p.m.

Special Spring Offerings

Writing in the Wild

Discovery Park

Ages: 12 and older **Fees**: \$10 per person

Join writer and Seattle Urban Nature Guide, Tony Robinson, for an experience of writing in one of the wild habitats of Discovery Park. No previous writing experience necessary. Tony will offer prompts for brief writing exercises. If they choose to do so, participants have a chance to share their work and get feedback. This time, we will be working on what it means to "show" rather than "tell" your readers. **Meet at the northwest corner of the North Parking Let.** We will explore the Wolf Tree Nature Trail **Bring writing materials**.

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snack/lunch.

#20478 5/4//2019 Sat 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Are You Bloomin' Mad?

Discovery Park

Ages: 5 and older **Fees:** \$10 per person

Enjoy the beauty and wonder of spring wildflowers on a walk in the woods with Seattle Urban Nature Guides. Learn some of the local plants that make our habitats healthy. Please meet on the west end of the North Parking Lot of Discovery Park.

#20479 5/04/2019 Sat 1-3 p.m.



Full Moon Hike

Discovery Park

Ages: 18 and older **Fees:** \$10 per person

Explore Discovery park by the light of the moon with Seattle Urban Nature Guides. This is an adventure into the nocturnal world of the wild. Be prepared to try new things and learn new skills around traveling in the dark. Experience Seattle's wilds in a whole new light.

#19277 5/17/2019 Fri 8 – 10 p.m.

Habitat Hunt

Discovery Park

Ages: 8 and older **Fees:** \$10 per person

One of the greatest things about Discovery Park is the diversity of habitats. On this walking program, Seattle Urban Nature Guides will take you to five park habitats and lead you to some sort of

discovery about them. Participants should be comfortable walking at least three miles, including some down and up. **Meet at the west end of the North Parking Lot**, rain or shine. Participants may want to bring binoculars, water, and a snack.

#20481 6/08/2019 Sat 9 – 11 a.m.

Seattle's Environmental Learning Centers

Discovery Park

3801 Discovery Park Blvd. (formerly West Government Way)

Seattle, WA. 98199 Phone: 206-386-4236

Email: discovery.park@seattle.gov

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 8:30a.m. to 5p.m.

Camp Long

5200 35th Ave SW Seattle, WA. 98126 Phone: 206-684-7434

Email: camp.long@seattle.gov

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10a.m. to 6p.m.

Closed Sundays Nov 1 thru Mar 1.

Carkeek Park

950 NW Carkeek Park Road

Seattle, WA. 98177

Carkeek Park ELC was closed to the public due to budget cuts in 2010.

Programs, however, are still offered at the park.

Contact Discovery Park ELC.





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